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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 CFR §1.116

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the final Office Action on the merits mailed December 2, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire March 2, 2004, subject to extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.136(a). A petition for a three (3) month extension of time to increase the period for reply to June 2, 2004, is enclosed herewith to permit timely filing of this amendment/response. A Notice of Appeal under 37 CFR §1.191 is enclosed herewith.

The Examiner states claims 26-29 and 36-72 are finally rejected.

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121, Applicant submits a complete listing of all of the claims ever presented for this pending application.

Claims numbered 26, 37 and 40 have been amended.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.